

PUBLISHED DAILY AND TRI-WERKLY BY

ALEXANDRIA:

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1858.

Ex-President Tyler's speech at the Mechanics' Institute, in Richmond, a few evenings ago, has been published. It contains some most agreeable reminiscenses of the great men of Virginia, who lived in Richmond, when he was young-Wirt, Wickham, looks like a drunken locemotive broke loose. Hay, Call, Warden, &c. In the course of his recollections, Mr. Tyler related the following anecdote:-

"At the time of which I have been speak-

ing, there were but three churches in the city-the Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal church, on Church bill. The Episcopalians and Presbyterians had a minister each-parson Buchanan and parson Blair. I never knew two better men. They preached on alternate Sundays at the capital and at the old church on the hill. The same congregation attended on their ministrations. No difference in the forms of service was permitted to interrupt their perfect barmony. They taught the same sublime doctrines, and were too intent on the execution of their holy mission, to dispute about mere external forms and ceremonies. Their lives were unitedly devoted to the high and important task of making men good citizens and good christians; nor did they esteem it necessary in order to accomplish these ends, to make war upon those innocent amusements which serve as a respite from labor and toil. Buchanan's Spring is identified with the Quoit Club, in the innocent festivities of which the good old man sometimes participated. There were illustrious men associated with him in these harmless relaxations, whose memories will ever live in the heart of Richmond. Mr. Buchanan lived in a small wooden house, situated in the neighborhood of Mayo's bridge, suited to his condition of old bachelorship, all trace of which, I suppose, has long since passen away. Under that roof he was once honored by the presence of another divine, who, bringing on suitable credentials, and wearing suitable canonicals, officiated in the place of the two eminent ministers at Church hill and the Capitol. During his stay in Richmond, he was hospitably entertained by Mr. Buchanan. By some arrangement of the toiler, it was, however, accidentally discovered that the new minister was a woman dressed in canonicals. Sometime thereafter, the two aged ministers diped at the Governor's, when brother Blair indulged in innocent railery at the expense of brother Buchanan, to the infinite amusement of all present. Mr. Buchanan had, but a few days before, received a letter from his quondam guest, apologising for her conduct and giving her true patronimic of Dianna Smith. She was the first woman in America who practically put in force the doctrine of woman's rights."

two letters from Prince William, both of which speak incidentally of the discussion at the last Prince William Court, between the candidates for Congress from this district .-the objections made to his course, especially from the quarter now arrayed against him."

The late occurrences at Baltimore have aroused attention all over the country. It has become the desire and the interest of the people, every where, to see rowdyism put down in Baltimore by the strong arm of the law, for the sake of the example, and to arrest the spread of crime. All magistrates, courts and juries there ought to look to it, that the Laws be vindicated.

It should be recorded to the credit of the merchants of the "Flour and Corn Exchange" at Baltimore, that at a thin meeting on Saturday, those present subscribed seven hundred and fifty dollars for the widows of the lately murdered officers. The list is to be kept open for further subscriptions.

The woman, who was some time ago arrested at Constantinople, with four millions of counterfeit Turkish money in her trunk, has just been brought up for trial, but the prisoner demands time to obtain testimony from the United States, which has been

Morgan's (Rep.) majority for Governor in New York, is some 18,000. The opposition have a majority of 72 in the Legislature .-Haskin (anti-Lecompton) is re-elected to Congress-the only district in doubt.

It will be seen by the Foreign News, that the difficulty between Portugal and France, has been settled, under duress-Portugal yielding-but only to the superior force of France. Is the matter to end here?

The murderers of the American missionaries at Jaffa, nearly a year ago, have been at last arrested, and are six in number. It is not yet known whether they will be tried

at Jerusalem, or given up to the American The Automaton Chess-Player, which at- ment is said to be very handsome. tracted so much attention in this country from 1826 to 1838, and whose secret was

so finely exposed by Edgar A. Poe, is to have its history written by a gentleman familiar with chess literature. The Emperor of Russia has issued Decrees

granting certain civil and social rights to the will probably astonish real "natives" very serie of that empire, and directing the made soon. in which they can pass from the servile condition to that of the mercantile and propertyholding classes.

The friends of Seward in New York, are looking to bringing him out as a candidate for the next Presidentship-and Douglas' friends are getting their favorite ready.

There are three mail routes now open to California-the overland route, the Tebauntepes route, and that via the Isthmus of Pan-

Prof. Holcombe's speech at the State Fair, at Petersburg, on the slavery question is spoken of as having been very able.

A letter from New York, says:-"A self- The Union tent, which is so conspicuous a Arrival of the Steamer Circussian. number of the firemen, and a miscellaneous crowd. It steered its way through the streets, on Friday, with the skill of a Breadway omnibus driver. It is expected, steam will be kept up all the time, day and night, which would be about equivalent to a fire company's sleeping at night with the long rope in their bands, ready to start at the first tap of the bell. When the machine reaches the fire, a couple of rods are disconnected, and instantly the same power which brought it there goes to work throwing water through a big or little pipe at a tremendous rate-say 600 or 700 gallons a minute. The power is furnished by an annular steam boiler, with 114 vertical tubes. The whole concern weighs only some five tons, is about six feet high, and passing through the streets The streams thrown on Friday were not accurately measured, but hose was carried to the top of a five story building, opposite Bowling Green, from which a stream was higher.

Senator Hammond in his late speech in South Carolius, directs his attention to the "Kapsas question," as the same was presented to the consideration of Congress at its late session, when an issue was joined as to the eligibility or propriety of admitting Kansas into the union under the Lecompton constitution. Adverting to the "tragic scenes of fraud and force" through which the Territory came before Congress with its applicaion in the name of this instrument, he conesses that his "opinion was that the South berself should kick that constitution out of Congress;" but, inasmuch as "the South thought otherwise," he waived his own convictions in deference to what seemed the almost unanimous wishes of his compatriots.

A terrible catastrophe happened in the New York harbor on Saturday. The propeller Petrel, built for a pleasure yacht, but lately employed as a tug on the North river, when off the foot of Jay street, suddenly burst her boiler. There were on board at the time four persons, namely: Henry Brink, engineer; Eiward Downey, fireman; and a pilot and deck hand, whose names could not be ascertained. Downey escaped with only a severe wound on the bead, but the others were killed instantaneously. The engineer was thrown by the force of the explosion high into the air, and came down upon the burricane deck of the steamer Broadway, which gave way, precipitating him to the main deck beneath.

Judge Test, of Indiana, in giving his opinon in a divorce case recently before him, eaid that "the advocates of free-love could not ask the enactment of a statute more favorable to their views than the present divorce laws of Indiana Mormon polygamy is better, for that, at least, compels the husband to provide for and protect his numerous wives." We perceive that the people and the public press in many parts of Indiana are earnestly urging a change in these ex-Doctors will differ. We have before us ceptionable laws. Their efforts at present are directed mainly to the purpose of protecting themselves against the shameless horde of married adventurers from other States.

The Augusta Constitutionalist says that One says, "Mr. Shackelford's speech was an Judge Magrath, of the United States Court, able one, and conclusively proved that the in Charleston, recently decided that the lia-Democratic party ought not to support his bility of a steamboat company for freight does opponent." The other says, "Gov. Smith not stop when the goods on freight are landmade a short speech in reply to Mr. Shack- ed on a wharf. The shipper is compelled to elford, in a brief space, utterly upsetting see that the produce is delivered to the consignee or his order. In case the shipper cannot find or deliver his goods to the consignee, it is his business to have the goods sent to a warehouse, or placed in responsible hands, subject to the order of the owner or con-

> The conduct of our Minister to China continues to form the theme of unmeasured criticism and abuse in England. Mr. Reed is represented as not only having allowed himself to be the mere catspaw of Count Putiatine. the Russian Minister, but as having negotiated a treaty less advantageous to the commerce of the United States, than that which had been negotiated by Lord Elgin and Baron de Gros, on behalf of the governments of Engand and France.

The Charlottesville Exponent (Dem.) says: Our representative in Congress (Mr. P. Powell.) was here on Monday last. He was cordially welcomed by his numerous friends, and as indications have been seen of a desire to hold a convention for the purpose of selecting a nominee for our next candidate for Congress, we presume one will be held. As the election is yet more than six months off bere will be plenty of time for calling a full. convention."

The last Fit castle Democrat contains a notice of the death of Mr. Wm. Raines, an old and repected citizen of that place, who was found dead in his bed on Saturday moraing, the 23d ult. He died from disease of the heart. In his possession there was found the sum of \$741.68, which was placed in the hands of the Coroner, until some legal claimant called for it. It is said that he has a son living in Augusta county.

On Monday last, the Masonic Fraternity of Danville, with appropriate ceremonies, laid the foundation of the monument, which will be erected to the memory of Doctors George and William G. Craighead. They were brothers, very skilful physicians, and most estimable gentlemen, who long lived in the town of Danville. The design of the monu-

General William Walker has arrived in Washington. His return to the North just at the time it was supposed he would be on his way to Nicaregua has obfuscated the Argus-eyed men of the press. There are some extraordinary movements being made that

Accounts from St. Johns, Porto Rico, to the 16th ult., report sugar and molasses scarce, and a number of foreign vessels in port waiting cargoes. It was the general opinion that the sugar crop would be a short one, owing to the drought that had prevailed for a long period. The Island was healthy and perfectly quiet.

It is stated as a proof of the confidence which capitalists repose in the government, that a few days ago a warrant was drawn in favor of the United States treasurer for the probabilities of her husband being able pion of America," and John Secretter, of Deabout \$488,500, being the amount of the premium accruing to the government on the hammered to a jelly and overcome?—Boston ing it, the present rage is "championship." late \$10,000,000 loan.

propelling steam fire-engine, built for the feature in the religious movement in Phila- THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE. city of New York, by Lea & Larned, made delphia, is now erected at Quakertown, Bucks "trial trip" on Friday afternoon, from county, for the winter, where, enclosed as it the Novelty Works to the Bowling Green, has been, with a large, frame building, was where it squirted in a most profuse and ad- dedicated to Divine worship November 7th. mirable manner, to the satisfaction of Mayor To illustrate the union spirit exemplified in Tieman, Street Commissioner Cooper, a large this missionary effort, we may state that the committee which superintended the erection | 300 passengers for New York. of the building, in order to retain the tent in that locality during the winter, was composed of two Friends, two Lutherane, two German Broadway omnibus driver. It is expected, Reformed, two Mennonites, one Moravian, when the thing goes into commission, that and one Methodist. At the dedication, Revs. Theophilus Stork, D. D., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, in Philadelphia, Mr. Bigler, pastor of the Moravian church, at Beth lehem, and several other clergymen of Episcopal, Presbyterian, German Reformed, Methodiet, and other persuasions, were present and took part in the exercises.

In the recent address of Hon. T. L. Clingman before the North Carolina State Fair, he mentions in connection with the manufacture of wine, and the difficulty on the Atlantic slope of the United States of preventing its acetous fermentation, a remarkable fact concerning a locality of the western part of that state. In a district of a few miles in extent on the Tryon mountain, neither dew por frost is ever known. The same district thrown, from 14 inch nozzle, about 75 feet is remarkable for the variety and excellence of its native grapes, and they are often found in fine condition in the open air as late as December. The dryness of the atmosphere in the locality mentioned, and its equability of temperature are most remarkable, and we should like to know more concerning it.

> The bullion in the Bank of France now stands at about \$120,000,000-a far higher sum than was ever before held by that establishment, and more than \$9,000,000 in excess of the largest total ever collected in the Bank of England. At the commencement of the present year, the Bank of France held less than \$50,000,000, and the influx in letter says, that as America is not included nine months has therefore been \$70,000,000. At the Bank of England, the total at the beginning of the year, was \$53,000,000, and it of versels allowed to pass the Dardanelles; year were half a million, paid fifty per cent right to interfere. The London corresponis now more than \$95,000,000. The highest she took out twenty of her gone, however, so sum it ever possessed was \$111,000,000 in that thirty only showed in the port-holes,

A letter has been received from Mr. Anderon, one of the best chees-players in Germany, and the victor of the chess tournament held in London the year of the great exhibition, stating that he will pass his Christmas holidays in Paris, to contend with Mr Morphy. He intends arriving in the French capital about the 18th of December and will remain a fortnight. It is not, however, certain that the young American player can remain in Paris so late in the year .- London News 22d.

The northeasterly storm which commenced on Tuesday last, in New York, lasted all the week. The sterm was accompanied by considerable rain, causing no little damage to property about the docks, and in all probability we shall shortly hear of disastrous freshets in the rivers of the interior of the country. There is a large fleet of vessels outward bound in the North river, all wait- America. The sales to-day are estimated at ing for a change of weather.

The American portion of the population in Liberia, have commenced, with much spirit, the cultivation of cotton. President Benson. in a recent letter, says :- "There has been twenty times more cotton planted by Ameriboth native and foreign seed, and I leel sanguine that its cultivation will increase each succeeding year."

We continue the weekly statements of Imports at New York, taken from the Journal of Commerce. Among the articles, we notice \$11,310 in opium; \$69,296 in furs, \$16,-119 in preserves; \$52,742 in raisins; \$14,888 in natte; \$41,055 in jewelry; \$45,008 in watches; \$28,012 in brandy; \$50.562 in wines; \$22,-527 in champagne; 46,830 in cigars; \$48,132 in tobacco; \$17,394 in wool.

Later from California.

By the Overland Mail .- St. Louis, Nov. 6. -The overland mail brings San Francisco papers of the 11th ult. The Alta Californian furnishes the following summary of the news since the departure of the steamer:

The first mail from St. Louis reached San Francisco unexpectedly on the morning of the 10th ult., in 24 days. Arrangements were being made for appropriately celebrating the event. A telegraphic dispatch had been received at San Francisco from the summit of the Sierra Nevada.

The steamer Cortez sailed for Victoria on the 9th, with only twenty passengers .--Steamers were returning daily loaded down with disheartened miners. The total amount of Fraser river gold dust deposited at the San Francisco mint to October 1st, was \$57,

On the night of the 6th ult., a fire occurred at Jamestown, which destroyed twenty-seven houses, involving a loss of \$250,000. Business at San Francisco had generally

been quiet since the departure of the steamer, but the demand from the country was

The vellow fever has nearly disappeared from Charleston, very few fatal cases having occurred last week. The Courier, of Thursday last, says:

"A large and increasing business has been carried on in our principal staples during the past three weeks. Cotton bales are awaiting pressure, though steam is working with all its might and speed. True, there are no clerks. signs of winter bustle and energy along Hayne and Meeting streets, for their customers prefer to come and see and select. They must watch for the eilent blessing. But those sections washed by the river are alive with clatter and encumbered with the eviden-

ces of prosperity. Many have returned to their homes during the past week, many are waiting for frost to open the city gates. We would not advise any who fear the scourge to expose themselves specie. to it. But the decrease in the number of cases and its diminished virulence, justify us in expecting its disappearance even without the presence of frost.

Funeral of a Murdered Policeman. BALTIMORE, Nov. 7 -The tuneral of Rigdon, who was murdered on Friday night took place this afternoon. The Mayor, a large body of the police, and numerous citizens attended, altogether forming an immense crowd, filling the streets in the vicinity of his late residence. There was no disturbance to mar the solemnities of the occasion. The two murderers have been indicted, and will be brought to trial during the present week.

The Bets on the New York Prize Fight. and is not Troy considerable of a village?--Does it not speak well for the morals of a community where a woman stakes money on to pound and best another man till he is

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 6 .- The screw steamship Circassian, from Golway, on the morning of the 27th ult., arrived at this port at half-past six o'clock, last evening.

The first part of the passage, the Circassian encountered stormy weather. She has By this arrival we have Liverpool mail ad-

vices of the evening of the 25th, and telegraph accounts to noon of the 26th. The royal mail steamship Arabia from New York, reached Liverpool on the evening

of the 24th. The steamer Hudson, from New York for Bremen, put into Southampton on the 23d for

The British war steamer Gorgon arrived at Plymouth on the 23d from Halifax and Fayal. The Gorgon took soundings for another line of Atlantic telegraph from the banks of Newfoundland to the entrance of

the English Channel, via Fayal. The Daily News says the North At'antic Steam Company (Galway line) received by the City of Washington applications from America for £50,000 stock, which added to the subscription already made, exceeds the required capital.

The British board of trade returns for the year ending September 30th show a decrease in exports during the last nine months of over £9,400,000.

The submarine telegraph between Dover and Calais had ceased working, and was believed to be broken-communication between the two countries was kept up via Ostend. FRANCE -The French Breadstuffs markets continue dull. The Portuguese government yields the

it yields only to the threatened employment | the percentage of working expenses to the of force. The Paris Patrie says that Portugal vielded not from fear but wisdom. PRUSSIA .- The first Chamber rejected, by

80 to 76, a proposition to send an address to the King and Prince Regent.

TURKEY .-- The American frigate Wabash arrived at Constantinople on the 11th. A in the treaty, the Wabash has been allowed to come up, although she far exceeds the size which is nine more than the treaty allows. Affairs in Servia were looking very serious.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE .- The steamship East-

The town people were in arms.

THE LATEST .- London, Tuesday, Oct. 26 .-Portugal has formally delivered up the ship Charles et Georges, and liberated the Captain. The Prussian Chambers unanimously affirmed the necessity of the regency, and adjourned.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, Oct. 25 .- The ales of cotton on Saturday and to-day were 11,-000 bales, of which 1,000 were on speculation and for export. The market closes dull, with a tendency still downward, with holders offering freely, but showing no disposition to press on the market. LIVERPOOL, Oct. 26-Noon-Cotton has de-

clined 1.16@ad. p lb since the departure of the 4,000 bales. The tendency is still downward. LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET, October 26 Noon-Messrs, Bigland, Avtha & Co., report

flour dull but rates unchanged. Wheat steady and quiet, at the prices per America. Corn has experienced a slight decline on all qualities: the market is quite dull.

LONDON MONEY MARKET, October 25 .- Consols closed to day at 684 for money and 983 for

October 26, noon-Consols are at 981 @982 for money and account.

Telegraphic Despatches.

ST Louis, Nov. 6 .- The Republican publishes a communication from a leading Mormon, stating that they have been traduced and slandered, and demanding a full and impartial investigation of all charges against them, with a view of counteracting and overcoming the existing prejudices against that sect.

Mr. Wallace, recently from California, via Salt Lake, reports having seen on the Plains, 1,565 vehicles, 8,061 yeke of oxen, 704 mules, 46 horses, and 1 230 head of loose cattle.

READING, PA., Nov. 6 .- The anti-Lecompton Democrats, of Berks county, celebra-ted the triumph of Douglas, in Illinois, at noon to-day, by firing a salute of one hundred guns.

HARTFORD, CONN., Nov. 5 .- There is great rejoicing here among the Douglas Democracy. Thirty-two guns were fired on the Park this afternoon, in honor of the victory in

Illinois. Boston, Nov. 6 .- The Douglas men in this city fired 100 guns last evening in bonor of his success.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 6 .-- Whiskey 18 cents. Hogs active, and prices advanced. Sales of 600 head for December delivery. Those buying are chiefly farmers and drovers from the interior. Louisville dealers are also buying. Eastern men are not buying, and city packers are acting cautiously. The season is fully opened. The weather is cool. Lard 94 cents for December delivery. Western mess pork \$15 50, with an active demand. PORTSMOUTH, Va., Nov. 6 .- The Synod of the (New School) Presbyterian Church of Charles H. Read, D. D., of Richmond. The

ty, was elected moderator, and the Rev. of the case to Mr. Secretary Cobb .-- N. I. Messrs. Fletcher and Gray were elected Herald. MILWAUKIE, Nov. 6 .- In the third Congressional district, Charles Larrabee, Democrat, has a majority of 1,130 votes, with Ocarte and Shawann counties to hear from. Mr. Larrabee is considered elected over Billingburst. Republican, the present member.

Rev. E. H. Cumston, of Northampton coun-

New Orleans, Nov. 6 .- Deaths by fever, vestorday, 23. The steamer Black Warrior has arrived

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 6 -- Eighty-three counties have been heard from. It the vote ter than you can bear your hand in. The of the remaining counties is the same as in | condies look much nicer when the wicks are 1856, the Democratic State ticket will be elec- not tied at the bottom. Never heat your ted by a small majority.

QUEBEC, Nov. 6 .- The steamer Anglo Saxon sailed from here at 10 o'clock this morning, with ninety-five passengers, for Liverpool. New ORLEANS, Nov. 5 .- The deaths in this

city yesterday, by yellow fever, were 18.

Champions. The championship of America, and one

may rather fairly conclude of the world, in respect to chess playir g, belongs to Paul Morof the brutal offair at Long Point, Upper A letter from New York says, Morrissey's Canada, was officially adjudged to every wife, who is said to be the daughter of a body knows who, and now there is another wealthy man in Troy, won \$2,000 on the re- championship that is to be struggled for and sult of the fight, and his father-in-law won talked about, at least if people will be so kind \$80,000. Is not New York a great State, as thus to gratify reckers after notoriety .--This third matter is the championship for billard playing, and is to be between Michael

Virginia Railroads-Their Fature. We have had before us, recently, the Re-

ports of three of the leading Railroad Companies of the State-to wit: the Virginia and Tennessee, the South Side, and the Orange and Alexandria. These Reports all show that, notwithstanding the financial troubles of the past year, which, of course, lessened the travel-and the failure of the wheat erop in many portions of the State. which lessened the freight-these Roads have all increased their receipts, and improved their financial condition.

This result cannot be ascribed, altogether, to the increase of travel upon the Roads, consequent upon the opening of the Great North-Eastern and South-Western line .-The through line was not opened until some time in June-and, although there is a perceptible increase in the receipts after that time, it is evident, upon a general review of the whole year's operations, that the affairs of each one of these Companies, independent and exclusive of all connection with the through line of travel, are in a much more satisfactory and promising condition than

ever before. Two causes conduce to this result, both of which will become more and more operative with every succeeding year. The first is, the steady reduction in the proportion of working expenses, thereby leaving the nett revenues so much the greater-and the other is, the continued increase in the transportation service of our roads, arising from the improvement in Agriculture, the opening of countries hitherto inaccessible to market, and the connections with other roads leading in all directions throughout the Confederacy.

Thus, in regard to the first, we notice not only upon our Virginia Roads, but all Charles et Georges to France declaring that through the South, an annual decrease in gross revenues. This does not result altogether in an absolute reduction of the amount expended-though in some cases, as upon the South-Side Road, this may truthfully be said-but it proceeds from the fact that the officers of our Railroad Companies, by a wise system of economy, do not permit the working expenses to keep pace with the inof it for working expenses, its net revenue was two hundred and fifty thousand. If the same company, this year, has a gross revenue of one million, and its working expenses only the same as they were last year, the net revenue is seven hundred and fifty ern City was destroyed by fire at sea on the thousand-only 25 per cent being paid for 24th of August. All on board were saved expenses. Thus, we see that it is due more except one engineer and one passenger, by to increase of business than to any absolute the ship Merchantman, arrived at Cape reduction of expenses, that these Companies are enabled to bring down the percentage of charges every year.

Moreover, the working expenses upon our roads are comparatively small, per se. We are informed by the American Railroad Journal that in Massachusetts none of the Roads pay less than fitty per cent. True, their charges, particularly for travel, are much less than with us-and consequently, their receipts, for an equal amount of busi ness, are a great deal smaller. But, as a general thing, our grades are much easier in the South than with the Northern Roadsand, of course, there is an appreciable dif ference, for this reason alone, in the annual expense of conducting the operations of the respective Roads. We know of no Northern Roads that make a showing, like the Orange and Alexandria and the East Tennessee and Georgia, of only forty-one per cent, of working expense, as compared with the gross re-

coipts. The receipts upon all of our Virginia is duil but steady. Sugar firm. Coffee firm.— passengers as from freights. The next Central firm; Congou quoted at 1011. Rice and sus, we have no besitation in predicting, will demonstrate an increase in the agricultural productions of Virginia, since the last Census was taken, that will "astonish" even "the natives." And yet, for all this, the agricultural capacity of Virginia has never yet been estimated. Indeed, so boundless is it, that one might well shrink from the task. When this vast region -- an empire within itsel!--shall have been subjected to the developing hands of industry and of art, who shall set a limit to the capacities of the Old Commonwealth? What Malthus will undertake to compute, with mathematical precision, the agricultural and the mineral wealth, and the fruits of manufacturing industry, which Virginia will pour out every vear into our domestic and foreign markets In all of this prospective prosperity, the Railroads have a living and important interest.—Lynchburg Virginian.

A Fine Prospect. A report from Washington is in circulation hat, with the opening of the approaching session of Congress, a bill will be introduced for he repeal of the population restriction of the English Kansas compromise. Practically, it matters very little whether this restriction be repealed or left standing, for it is essentially pullity: but as the proposition for a repeal, if introduced, will doubtless give rise to a discussion which will absorb, perhaps, at least two-thirds of the session, we have no objection to the experiment. And why? Because the time thus taken up in the ventilation of the Kansas nuisance will be so much time stolen from the hungry harpies of the lobby, and the remaining month will be all required for the consideration of the regular annual appropriations. If there were any chances of any good thing from the closing three months session of this demoralized and factious Congress, we might deplore the re opening of the Kansas cant and clamor, but as the hest that we can expect of the fag end of this Congress is limited to the appropriation Virginia, met at Portsmouth, 4th inst. The bills, a month or two expended apon Kansas opening sermon was preached by the Rev. will at least be less expensive to the Tressury than if devoted to the jobs and plundering schemes-of the lobby. We submit this view

I noticed a request a short time since in

the Country Gentleman, for a receipt to make soft tallow hard. I send you one I know by experience to be good. To 12 pounds of tallow take half a gallon of water to which add three table-spoons of pulverised alum, and two do, salt-petre, which heat and dissolve; then add your tailow and one from Havans, with upwards of \$800,000 in pound of beeswax; boil all together, until the water evaporates, and skim well while boiling. It should not be put in your mould botmoulds to draw your candles in cold weather. Perhaps it is not generally known that tal-

ow from beeves fed on corn or grain, is much softer then when led on grass or clover; therefore the tailow from grass fed cattle should always be hard, with the addition of very little alum and beeswax. In very cold weather less alum must be used, or they will third more of each should be used in very warm weather, if the tallow is very soft .-

FILLIBUSTERISM .- Gan. Wm. Walker, the Nicaraguan fillipueter, is at Brown's hetel in this city, having arrived here on Saturday afternoon last. It is saidd by those who profess to be posted as to the whys and Phelan, of New York, the existing 'cham- is to protest against the late preclamation of President Buchanan. Others assert that he troit, also a "champion." There is no deny has another of ject in view, and that we are non conducting ink. It is then placed on the raigned before the proper authorities, and on the eve of some extraordinary movements transmitting machine, and passed by clock- no doubt ere this, has ut dergone her trail with whith he is connected, - Wash. Star.

Close of the State Fair.

The weather yesterday was dismal enough. The hope we had indulged of bright skies and balony breezes for the rest of the week were destined to a sad disappointment, and the rain fell pitilessly, and with provoking monotony ail day long. Mud beneath and water above and about us, presented the prospect of a sad finale to that which had so auspiciously begun, and the Fair wound in a

general slush! Such weather at such a time, and on the day when the attendance is always the largest, was very much like throwing cold water on the whole affair, and the opinion prevailed generally that it would prove a damper. Despite the inclemency of the day, however, the gathering upon the grounds was not very far short of that of Thursday, and the number of ladies present, tripping daietily over the wet grass and leaves, showing their pret ty feet, plainly indicated they never mind the weather so the wind don't blow.

The little booths erected on the right of the road were retailing mean whiskey at an alarming rate, and even on the grounds men of the most absteminous habits became regulerly soaked.

Affairs proceeded, however, in a regular way, and at 11 o'clock the premiums were

awarded. At 12 m., as announced, notwithstanding the streaming clouds, the mimickry of Ashby de la Z uche began, and Knights of lofty names, on flying steeds, scattered the mud and water on every side. We did not remain to witness the exciting contest, being decidedly anti-hydrophatic, and slightly given to rheumatism.

The successful knight was Mr. J. L. Wil liams, of Nottoway, who chose the beautiful and accomplished Miss Emma Cousins, of this city, as Queen of Love and Beauty. The ceremony of coronation took place a Jarratt's Hotel .- Petersburg Int.

The Abducted Jewish Child.

The polemic in the French journals on the subject of the abduction of the Jewish child at Bologna, in Italy, and its retention by the government at Rome, has become most violent. The French Government has addressed to the pope a demand for the restoration of crease of the business done. Thus, if a the child to its parents, but this demand has Railroad Company, whose gross receipts last been refused, as the pope has, it is said, no dent of the New York Commercial save:

"The Emperor of France, it is believed, will not allow the matter to rest where it is. He will make another appeal, this time backed by the names of other Catholic sovereigns. and in case of refusal will order the commander in chief of the French army at Rome to seize the child and restore it to its parents. The abductors contend that the child had been baptised in the Catholic church, and they were therefore justified in taking care of it.'

A Baltimore Murderer. The Washington Star, in noticing the bru-

tal murder of officer Rigdon, in Baltimore

city, by Marion Crops, says: 'Marion Crops is the same person as "Mallory Kropp," who headed the mob that attacked the fourth ward polls in this city, in June, 7, armed with a large tomahawk, which he brandished among the terrifled voters in a manner to drive many from the ground. Uuder the last mentioned name he was afterwards indicted by the grand jury here for being engaged in the riot of that day; but so far as we can learn, no requisition was ever issued by the crimical court with a view to having him brought to trial. He will be recognized by most of our citizens who were present on the occasion above referred to, who will never forget his bull-head, short-cropped hair, irontoed boots, long legs, and the devilish wes-LONDON MARKETS, October 25, P. M.—Wheat Roads are bound to increase, as well from pon with which he clove his way among the legal voters of Washington, scattering them before him like so many affrighted sheep.

An Evil Potuted Out.

In announcing yesterday morning to his congregation his purpose of commencing a religious service, especially for the young. every Sanday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Haley brought attention to what will strike ever one as too iamentable a fact in the history of the present age. He remarked that up to the age of sixteen years, or thereabout, the male children of a family usually attend church with their parents and belong to the Sunday school, but after that age they begin to think themselves too large for association with children, and at the same time do not feel the interest of adults in religious instruction, and thus, to a great extent, abandon church altogether or pay it very fitful and indifferent regard .-From the youth between the ages of sixteen to twenty-two or twenty-three, and as often as not of respectable parentage, are the ranks of rowdyism recruited, and this fact is one crying for some adequate consideration and effort at remedy .- Nat. Int.

Fight with Runaway Negroes.

We have copied an account of the running off of ten slaves from the vicinity of Pruntytown, Va. Later intelligence states that the negroes were overtaken in Fayette county, Pa, where a desperate fight took place, and the owners and others pursuing were beaten back. Col. Armstrong, of the pursuing party, was attacked by one of the negroes with corn cleaver, and would have been killed but for the interference of one of his own servants, who stepped in to protect his master. Another of the party pursuing was nercely attacked and badly injured, while the negroes made their escape. The fight took place on what is known as the Bachelor Farm. A party of about twenty-five persons started in pursuit of the negroes, but nothing additional had been heard at last accounts,

from either the pursuing or the pursued. Another Inpediment.

The Staunton Spectator suggests as a dif-Sculty likely to arise in the Petersburg Convention, the fact that, in the Staunton Convention, many of the present supporters of dusky sons of the forest. He was placed Mr. Letcher advocated the adoption of the a sitting posture upon the summit of a high two-thirds rule. Whether Mr. Letcher himself agreed with them is not stated. It seems to be admitted that Mr. Letcher's only chance for a nomination is the first ballot. If he bas committed himself to the two-thirds rule, it will greatly embarrass his friends in the Con- and the usual charms placed around to keep vection, and in the event of its being applied to himself will almost inevitably defeat him. Two thirds, or not, first ballot or not, Mr. Letcher, we think will certainly be nominated |

Material Aid for Mexico. We learn that Dr. E. S. Billings, who has been for some weeks in this country as the the weapons. To make the affair still more agent of Gen. Alvarez, making arrangements for sending material aid to the constitutionalists in Mexico, leaves here to-day in the steamer for Aspinwall, on his return to Acapulco. He has been quite successful in his operations, and arrangements have been made with Mr. James B. Morgao, of this city, un- clared the affair honorably adjusted, and the der which General Alvarez will soon receive principals left for the city uninjured. a large supply of minnie ritles muskets, powcrack so as to fall to pieces sometimes; and a der and lead and other little arrangements of an effective character. With these, General Alvarez calculates to be in the City of Mexico With a little management you can always in January next, and to checkmate his old phy. The championship that was the guerdon have hard tallow for summer use, where you autagonist, Sant Anna, in his new plans for It appears that a whole family, man, women make all your own candles .- Clarke Journal. plandering the republic .- N. Y. Herald.

A Writing Telegraph. Abbe Meigns, in a late number of Cosmos,

gives an account of a telegraph which transmits drawings or fac-similes of written despatches. Signor Bonelli is the auther of wherefores of his movements, that his object this adaptation. His process is to write the ment of passion, seized a rock, and he de-patch, or draw the sketch to be transmitted, on a metalized or conducting paper in

The Virginia Central Rallroad The statement in our last issue of the bas ness of this road for the last fiscal year, we be highly gratifying to its friends everywhere With an increased business of \$45,801 over that of the preceding year, its expense bave been diminished \$29,735,79, showing clear increase of profit for the last year

\$75,437,14, over that of the fiscal year la -7. Its receipts for the year 1857-8 week \$585,832,15, and its nett profits \$295.7 after paying all transportation expenses. cluding the rebuilding of shops and repair and renewal of tools destroyed, repairs damage done to locomotives by fire, tax or passengers to the State, City and County let. ies, insurance, &c. These clear profits res. resent the interest at 6 per cent. on Dearly \$5,000,000, which is greatly more than p whole cost of the Road, and should they neve be increased in future years, they give assorance to the stockholders of more than six ter cent. dividend. But that the profits must increase immens

ly in future is demonstrable on many grounds

let. As the road way shall settle and become firmer every year, the ordinary repairs and become less and less. 2nd. As the country opens up and becomes improved and enriche along the road line, the business must be crease more and more. 3rd. The complete of the railroad new under construction from Lynchburg to Charlottesville, opening up the whole Mississippi Valley to Charlotlesville by an almost direct line from Memphis, will inevitably throw a vast travel or this road both up to the Springs region and down to Gordonsville and Richmond from Charlottes ville. 4th. The completion of the Covington and Ohio Railroad, will ultimately make it on of the most productive and remunerative line. in the Union. This last is a distant propect, but yet must come at last. The other sources of increased profit are at hand, even

now operating, and destined every day to uperate more powerfully. We hope the Company will now feel author. ized to improve the value of the stock in market, by declaring a handsome dividend at its next meeting. After the application of the whole profits of 1856-7 to pay the floating debt we cannot doubt that the condition the Company would justify a dividend of per cent. and such a dividend would add hor dreds of thousands at once to the market val-

The Gouldy Affair. The greatest sympathy continues to tre-

ue of the stock .- Staunton Vindicator.

vail in regard to the unfortunate members of the Gouldy family. Their residence, in Thirtieth street, is daily visited by large numbers of the curious, but the attending physicians have ordered that none but the immediate relatives and friends of the fam ly be admitted. Last evening Mrs. Gouldy was considered as improving, but is by a means out of danger. The two lads remain in much the same condition as they have for the past two days. Strong hopes are entaired, however, that they will eventually recover. The case of Mr. Gouldy is reported much worse. The dreadful wounds he has received almost baffle the skill of the dectors, who are exerting their atmost to say their patient, and if they succeed in keeping

down inflammation during the healing of the out they may save his life. He still retains his senses, being conscious of averything transpiring around him, but he is not permit ted to hold any conversation with his friends. The servant maids continue in a low state, at the New York Hospital. Indeed, m hopes are entertained that either can survive their dreadful injuries. They were const ered last evening in a sinking condition .--N. Y. Herald.

Testimonial to Officer Cook.

A subscription list was opened at the comter of the American, on Saturday, for the purpose of expressing the public apprecia of the services of Police Officer Cook in the arrest of one of the assassins of officer Mg

don, and \$42 at once subscribed. We deem it proper to state to the contribe tors of this fund, that officer Cook refuses most peremptoriiy to receive any money contribetions. He was waited upon on Saturday morning with a purse of \$250, contributed by some gentlemen in the Western section of the city, which he promptly refused to receive his reply being that he had "done nothing but his duty,-that he had done nothing on Friday night more than he had endeavored to do at all times," and that he would reserve no pay for merely performing his duty. The parties finding him determined in his refusal. retired, stating that they thought they could find a lady who could accept it, intending to present it to Mrs. Cook, as an appreciation, y these donors, of the services of her huband. The above fund (\$42) will, therefore, should it reach the sum of \$100, be appropriated to the presentation to officer Cook

some appropriate testimonial, -- Bult. Amo Judge Douglas and the Va. Democracy. The Enquirer and South, especially the former, are jubilant over the success of Judge Douglas, which they unite in calling a Deaocratic triumph. Judge Douglas stands opposed to the Administration on its test measure, and has been pronounced by the Government organ a traitor to Democracy. Do our city contemporaries think it a matter for rejoicing that the enemies of the Administration should triumpt? If so in what esteem do they hold the Administration, itself Again, if the success of Judge Dauglas is a Democratic triumph, is or is not the de feat of the Administration (in his success)

wbat? - Richmond Whig. Burial of a Young Indian Chief. To-be, the Iowa Chief, lost one of his sons by death a few days ago, who was buried with the highest honors of the tribe and in acc dance with the custom in vogue a mong bill, his bow and arrow, a war club and pipe, deposited near him, when a tory shot to accompany him to the happy her ing grounds. A mound of earth was thrown over the whole, a white flag raise away evil sprits. The young chief was not more than 12 years of age. - Leavenwell

Democratic defeat-and if not Democratic,

City, Kansas, Ledger. A Duel at Chicago.

A duel took place at Chicago one morning last week, upon the Garden City Race Course between a financier and a hotel clerk. lady was the cause. Colt's revolvers were interesting, one hundred dollars were put ap as forfeit in case either party backed out and one of them slept on the field all night, be in realiness. At the given signal the principals took deadly aim and fired at each other, but neither was hit. The seconds de

PARRICIDE -- The Badford Democrat learns from private advices, that there was a me atrocious murder committed in the upper part of Franklin county a week or two sinceand children, had git on a general "-pres and while in this state of intexication a general row arose concerning the m riage of a girl about 15 years old, below ing to the family, and her views upon the subject, not corresponding with these her father, she became enraged, and in a it at her father with such violence that was immediately killed. The girl is a before the examining Court.